



# PROVIDER ALERT

## HBAI Services: CANS Assessment Not Required

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**Alert Summary:** Health and Behavioral Assessment and Intervention (HBAI) services provided to members under the age of 19 do not require the completion of the CANS assessment.

Dear Provider,

Thank you for your ongoing partnership as we continue with the implementation of new and enhanced services for our members.

Full service ambulatory clinics who provide medical services can receive reimbursement for the Health and Behavior Assessment and Intervention (HBAI) Codes (96156, 96158, 96159, 96164, 96165, 96167 and 96168). These allow integrated medical clinics to provide brief behavioral interventions at a medical visit to Idaho Medicaid members.

These interventions do not require a Comprehensive Diagnostic Assessment (CDA) or a full treatment plan. Additionally, moving forward these services will not require the completion of the CANS assessment for members under the age of 19. The interventions are to be documented in the member's medical record and must be billed with a primary medical diagnosis. The services must be provided by a qualified licensed behavioral health clinician and can provide up to 15 hours (60 units for all codes combined) per calendar year, with a maximum of 4 units per visit.

Interested clinics should contact their Provider Relations Advocate to learn more about the criteria and how to amend their contract to receive a separate fee schedule that includes these codes. See the November 16, 2019 HBAI New Codes and the provider manual for additional information.

Thank you,  
The Optum Idaho Team